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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to the examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please add the following claims.

7. The minivan as set forth in claim 2 and further including means for dynamically braking the folding ramp during extension.

8. The minivan as set forth in claim 7 wherein said means brakes the fall of the ramp while the ramp is extended manually.

9. The minivan as set forth in claim 8 wherein said means includes a resistor for dissipating current generated by said motor.

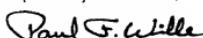
10. The minivan as set forth in claim 9 wherein said means includes a diode in series with said resistor for blocking current through said resistor when said ramp is raised manually.

REMARKS

Claims 7-10 are added to more fully define applicants' invention.

An early and favorable examination of claims 1-10 is respectfully requested.

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